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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Steering Committee for Project Cloud Gap
(ACDA)

1. On 19 August 1963 the Steering Committee of Project Cloud Gap was briefed on the proposed program for the Project for FY 1964-66. Most of the material presented in the briefing is available in published form in ACDA documents (PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR PROJECT CLOUD GAP OPERATIONS FY '64-66, 1 August 1963, and PLANNING AND DETAILED PROGRAMMING FOR PROJECT CLOUD GAP FIELD TESTS, APPENDIXES I & II, 1 August 1963).

2. ACDA wanted to get the Steering Committee to "approve" the program which involved the estimated expenditure of some \$2.5 million from DOD funds. Mr. Bruno Augenstein (DOD) stated that he felt that these cost estimates were probably about one-tenth of what they should be; there was general concurrence with this judgment. Mr. Barber (DOD) stated that the Steering Committee could not "approve" the program in its preliminary form and that approval, in a real sense, would not be made "until the principals--mainly the Secretary of Defense and the Director of ACDA--signed off on the actual budgetary requests". It was agreed, however, that Cloud Gap personnel and DOD personnel would work together (on the basis of the program presented) in order to prepare a more realistic set of cost estimates by the second week in September so that some decisions could be made.

3. Mr. Barber also suggested that the various Cloud Gap projects be grouped together in a more meaningful way by weapon system. It was also agreed that existing projects should be re-oriented so that they would take care of present requirements for support of the "fixed inspection post" inspection program.

4. Admiral Parker promised that a memorandum of the results of the meeting would be circulated to the Steering Committee.

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